further action as per law. For funding to fresh Non-Governmental Organisations, prior approval from Union Government is required.

Recruiting local youths of J&K in Central Police Organisation

1723. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir local youths are available and eager to get themselves recruited under special drive in BSF and other Police Departments and as SPO's to combat cross border terrorism; and

(b) whether Government propse to provide maximum posts for such recruitments in Jammu and Kashmir as a special case for combating terrorism and eradicating unemployment; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) So far as the Central Government is concerned, 90% vacancies are allocated among the States/ UTs of the Union on the basis of population raio of respective States/UTs in BSF and remaining 10% vacancies are allocated to the border States where BSF is deployed in addition to the vacancies already allocated to those States on the basis of population ratio. Necessary orders have been issued to all Central Para Military Forces to recruit 5% vacancies in newly raised battalions over and above their quota on the basis of population ratio from J and K. As against population ratio of 0.91% of J and K, the youth of J and K in BSF, CRPF, ITBP and CISF is over represented. Creation of posts in Central Para Military Forces is based upon operational needs of the forces.

As regards J and K State Police, all recruitments are made by State Government within J and K. Similarly SPOs are appointed by the State Police as volunteers only from with in J and K.

Persons killed in Budgam Mosque

1724. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons killed in Budgam Mosque in Kashmir in last week of October, 2001 due to militants hiding there; and

(b) the action taken to smash ultras' camps in Pakistan as demanded by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Shri Farooq Abdullah?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) On October 27, 2001, a foreign mercenary entered the Jamia Mosque, at Panzan village, PS Chadoora, district Budgam. The SFs cordoned off the Mosque and asked the militant to surrender. The militant, however, opened fire on the security forces. The security forces exhibited restraint for more than 50 hours in order to maintain the religious sanctity of the Mosque. Finally the militant who was a Pak mercenary, was eliminated.

(b) India has also apprised the international community of Pakistan's sponsorship of and support to terrorism directed against India. There is now widespread international recognition of the need to eradicate terrorism wherever it exists and that there can be no justification for terrorism.

Replacement of TADA with POTO

1725. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are of the view that replacing TADA with the recently proclaimed Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) will tackle the militancy and terrorist problems to great extent; .

(b) whether a large number of TADA detenues were released without conviction due to inadequate evidence and incompetent prosecution machinery;

(c) whether Government had got vetted the draft ordinance by the National Human Rights Commission before its enactment; and

(d) whether POTO will also address the terrorist related problems like communal violence, ethnic riots, mob fury, preaching of secession, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The proclamation of the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance is one of measures considered necessary to effectively combat terrorist activities in the country.

(b) Since law and order is a State subject, such information is not Centrally maintained by this Ministry;

(c) The views expressed by National Human Rights Commission on Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 were taken into account while finalising the provisions of Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001.

(d) The Ordinance provides for definition of terrorist acts as acts done with